

SEPTEMBER 2023

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 3 Doing Our Duties
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 10 "I have no Fear of Death!"
Swami Sumanasananda
- 17 "Sri Ramakrishna is Advaita"
Swami Medhananda
- 24 Words to Live By
Swami Arupeshananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

- 12, 19 *Srimad Bhagavatam*
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 5 *Vivekachudamani*
Swami Sumanasananda
- 12, 19 *Shanti Gita*
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 26 Upanishadic Meditation
Swami Mahayogananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
- 6 Swami Sumanasananda
- 13 Swami Sarvadevananda
- 20 Swami Mahayogananda
- 27 Swami Medhananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 7, 14 Bhakti Yoga
Swami Sumanasananda

- 21 Swami Vivekananda's "What is Hindu Dharma?": A Close Reading (Part 3) · Swami Medhananda
- 28 Karma Yoga
Swami Mahayogananda

Fridays 7:30 PM Classes

- 8, 15, 22, 29 *Religion and Its Practice*
Teachings of the Direct Disciples of Sri Ramakrishna
Swami Atmavidyananda

OTHER EVENTS

2 Saturday 6:30 PM Ram Nam

- 4 **Monday 10 AM – 4 PM**
Labor Day Retreat
Reading of the *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*, Talks by Swamis and Devotees including **Swami Kirtipradananda, Vedanta Society of Greater Houston, TX**

- 16 Karma Yoga Day

Saturday chanting and retreat · Online Only

- Pravrajika Dayaprana
- 9, 23 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class
- 16 Antaryoga Retreat on Swamiji's Words 6 – 8:30 AM
Register by Sept 14

At Piñon Hills

- 30 Antaryoga Retreat on *Kena Upanishad* 9:30 AM to 4 PM
Register by Sept 28
dayaprana@vedanta.org

29 Friday Vigil 7 AM

Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class

- S. Alagarswamy · sukirtha@vedanta.org

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 3 Best Friend, Worst Enemy
Pravrajika Krishnaprana
- 10 Speech Karma
Swami Vedarupananda
- 17 Doing Our Duties
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 24 Got Sattwa?
Swami Medhananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

- Memories of a Loving Soul:*
Swami Premananda
by Swami Prabhavananda,
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

Saturdays 5 PM

- 2,9,23,30 *Gospel of Ramakrishna*
- 16 *Bhagavad Gita*
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 23 Saturday 9 AM – Noon
Karma Yoga Day

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Sunday Spiritual Talks 11 AM

- 3 No Lecture
- 10 Doing Our Duties
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 17 Oh When Will Dawn the Blessed Day?
Swami Mahayogananda
- 24 Speech Karma
Swami Vedarupananda

Wednesdays

- 6:30 PM In person and online Arati
7:30 PM Satsanga with the Trabuco Brothers

SAN DIEGO CENTER

Saturday Services

- 2, 16 No Services

Saturday

9 Krishna Puja

- 10 am Puja by Swami Sarvadevananda
- 12 pm Flower Offering
- 12:10 Kirtan
- 12:20 Swami Sarvadevananda on Sri Krishna
- 12:30 Reminiscences of Great Souls
Swami Chetanananda (via Zoom)
- 1:15-2 Prasad Lunch

- 23 11 AM Speech Karma
Swami Vedarupananda
- 30 Mini Retreat on Service with Swami Harinamananda: Details to be announced

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From the

Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda

Krishna says, "Look at Me, Arjuna! If I stop from work for one moment, the whole universe will die. I have nothing to gain from work; I am the one Lord, but why do I work? Because I love the world." God is unattached because He loves; that real love makes us unattached. Wherever there is attachment, the clinging to the things of the world, you must know that it is all physical attraction between sets of particles of matter—something that attracts two bodies nearer and nearer all the time and, if they cannot get near enough, produces pain; but where there is *real* love, it does not rest on physical attachment at all. Such lovers may

be a thousand miles away from one another, but their love will be all the same; it does not die, and will never produce any painful reaction.

To attain this unattachment is almost a life-work, but as soon as we have reached this point, we have attained the goal of love and become free; the bondage of nature falls from us, and we see nature as she is; she forges no more chains for us; we stand entirely free and take not the results of work into consideration; who then cares for what the results may be?

Do you ask anything from your children in return for what you have given them? It is your duty to work for them, and there the matter ends. In whatever you do for a particular person, a city, or a state, assume the same attitude towards it as you have towards your children—expect nothing in return. If you can invariably take the position of a giver, in which everything given by you is a free offering to the world, without any thought of return, then will your work bring you no attachment. Attachment comes only where we expect a return.

If working like slaves results in selfishness and attachment, working as master of our own mind gives rise to the bliss of non-attachment. We often talk of right and justice, but we find that in the world right and justice are mere baby's talk. There are two things which guide the conduct of men: might and mercy. The exercise of might is invariably the exercise of selfishness.

All thought of obtaining return for the work we do hinders our spiritual progress; nay, in the end it brings misery.

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